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1. AP (FREED FROM TEHRAN) -- "PAKISTAN WILL HAVE TO
MODIFY ITS PLANS TO BUY A NUCLEAR-FUEL MAKING FACILITY IF
IT WANTS TO MAKE SURE OF U.S. ECONOMIC AID AND MILITARY
EQUIPMENT, REPORTERS WERE TOLD TODAY AS SECRETARY...ENDED
A VISIT TO PAKISTAN.

U.S. CONCERN OVER THE POTENTIAL SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS
OR WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY IS AT THE HEART OF THE ISSUE.

THERE WILL BE NO COMPROMISE, NO CHANGE OF THE AMERICAN
POSITION ON PAKISTAN'S CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS TO BUY A
NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT FROM THE FRENCH, SAID A
SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL ON KISSINGER'S PLANE.....

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KISSINGER TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE THERE 'WILL BE NO CON-

FRONTATION,' BUT THAT THE TALKS MUST GO ON BEFORE A SETTLEMENT IS POSSIBLE.

THE DISCUSSIONS, WHICH ARE VERY COMPLICATED, WILL BE ON THE MERITS OF THE VARIOUS POSITIONS 'WITHOUT PRESSURE OR BLACKMAIL,' KISSINGER ADDED.

NEVERTHELESS, ON THE FLIGHT FROM LAHORE, THE SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL TOLD REPORTERS PAKISTAN MUST BE THE ONE TO BACK AWAY.

BHUTTO HAS MUCH TO LOSE WITHOUT A COMPROMISE. PAKISTAN IS SCHEDULED TO RECEIVE MORE THAN DOLS 200 MILLION IN AMERICAN ECONOMIC AID IN FISCAL 1977. IN ADDITION, HE HAS ASKED THE UNITED STATES FOR 80 TO 100 NAVY A7 ATTACK PLANES WORTH ABOUT DOLS 500 MILLION.

UNDER A NEW U.S. LAW, AID MAY NOT GO TO A COUNTRY WHICH ACQUIRES A NUCLEAR REPROCESSING PLANT THAT HAS NO ADEQUATE INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS AGAINST DIVERTING SPENT FUEL INTO PLUTONIUM.

THE UNBENDING AMERICAN POSITION DOES NOT MEAN THAT BHUTTO MUST GIVE UP THE DEAL WITH THE FRENCH. THE SENIOR OFFICIAL EXPLAINED THAT ARRANGEMENTS ARE POSSIBLE UNDER WHICH SUFFICIENT INTERNATIONAL CONTROL COULD BE PLACED ON THE REPROCESSING PLANT.

KISSINGER SAID IN HIS NEWS CONFERENCE, THE MAIN AMERICAN POLICY IS TO PREVENT ANY FURTHER SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS OR WEAPONS TECHNOLOGY.

THE SENIOR AMERICAN OFFICIAL SUGGESTED THE PAKISTANIS AND FRENCH MIGHT BE ABLE TO ARRANGE SOMETHING ON THE LINES OF A PENDING DEAL BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND IRAN.

THAT PLAN PROVIDES FOR A U.S. VETO OF ANY IRANIAN RE-PROCESSING SYSTEM THAT DOES NOT MEET U.S. STANDARDS. THE OFFICIAL SAID THE MAIN LEVER HELD BY THE UNITED STATES IS THE A7, A PLANE CAPABLE OF HITTING TARGETS OVER MOST OF INDIA FROM PAKISTAN."

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2. REUTER FROM TEHRAN (NO BYLINE) -- "PAKISTAN WANTS TO BUY 80 TO 100 LIGHT BOMBERS IN WHAT WOULD BE ITS FIRST BIG ARMS PURCHASE FROM THE UNITED STATES IN 11 YEARS, U.S. OFFICIALS SAID.

THE A-7 BOMBERS, WHICH ARE CAPABLE OF CARRYING SIDEWINDER MISSILES AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS, WOULD COST PAKISTAN 500 MIL-; LION DOLLARS IF THE UNITED STATES AGREED TO THE SALE, THE

OFFICIALS SAID.

A MEDIUM-RANGE TACTICAL BOMBER, THE A-7 WOULD BE CAPABLE OF STRIKING VIRTUALLY ANY TARGET IN INDIA, DEFENSE EXPERTS SAID.

THE PAKISTANI INTEREST IN THE PLANES WAS CONVEYED TO REPORTERS TRAVELLING WITH SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY KISSINGER, WHO ARRIVED HERE FOR A REFUELLING STOP AFTER TALKS IN LAHORE WITH PAKISTAN PRIME MINISTER ZULFIKAR ALI BHUTTO.

OFFICIALS SAID THE UNITED STATES HAD SO FAR MADE NO DECISION ON WHETHER OR NOT TO SELL THE A-7 AIRCRAFT.

HIGH U.S. OFFICIALS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED THAT WASHINGTON MIGHT USE THE SALE AS A LEVER TO BLOCK PAKISTAN'S PURCHASE FROM FRANCE OF NUCLEAR REPROCESSING EQUIPMENT, CAPABLE OF PRODUCING THE INGREDIENTS FOR NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

A U.S. OFFICIAL ON THE KISSINGER PLANE SAID THE UNITED STATES HAD NO INTENTION OF BENDING IN ITS OPPOSITION TO PAKISTAN ACQUIRING THE ABILITY TO MAKE NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

BUT AT A NEWS CONFERENCE ON HIS DEPARTURE FROM LAHORE, DR. KISSINGER SAID THE UNITED STATES WOULD NOT USE BLACKMAIL, A REFERENCE TO THE SALE OF THE A-7 AIRCRAFT, TO TRY TO FORCE PAKISTAN OUT OF ITS CONTRACTS WITH FRANCE. DR. KISSINGER SAID 'WE BELIEVE THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS AND EXPLOSIVE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY IS OF SUCH LONG-RANGE DANGER TO THE SURVIVAL OF MANKIND THAT THE LINE MUST BE DRAWN AT SOME POINT.'

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FURTHER TALKS WOULD BE HELD IN COMING MONTHS IN AN EFFORT TO RECONCILE THE POINTS OF VIEW OF THE TWO COUNTRIES, HE ADDED.

PAKISTANI SOURCES HAD CLEARLY INDICATED BEFORE DR. KISSINGER'S ARRIVAL HERE THAT THE QUESTION OF THE REPROCESSING PLANT WAS NOT NEGOTIABLE.

DR. KISSINGER, WHO EARLIER VISITED AFGHANISTAN AND IRAN, WAS FLYING ON TO FRANCE AND A PRIVATE STOPOVER AT DEAUVILLE. OFFICIALS SOURCES INSIST THE VISIT IS NOT CONNECTED WITH THE REPROCESSING PLANT DEAL."

U.S. OFFICIALS SUGGESTED THAT ONE POSSIBLE SOLUTION INVOLVING U.S. NEGOTIATIONS WITH BOTH PAKISTAN AND FRANCE,

WOULD BE TO STRENGTHEN SAFEGUARDS CONCERNING AND REPROCESSING FACILITY.

THIS IS BEING MADE SUBJECT TO INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC ENERGY SAFEGUARDS, BUT THE UNITED STATES REGARDS IT AS INADEQUATE TO PRECLUDE THE MANUFACTURE OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

ANOTHER POSSIBLE SOLUTION WOULD BE FOR FRANCE AND PAKISTAN TO AGREE TO REPROCESS THE SPENT NUCLEAR FUEL, WHICH CONTAINS PLUTONIUM, OUTSIDE PAKISTAN, ALONG THE LINES OF AN AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE REACHED BY THE UNITED STATES AND IRAN LAST WEEK.

THE A-7 SOUGHT BY PAKISTAN, WHICH WAS UNDER A U.S. ARMS EMBARGO UNTIL 15 MONTHS AGO, HAS A GREATER RANGE AND PAYLOAD THAN THE F-4 JET FIGHTER.

A MAJOR PROBLEM TO BE SURMOUNTED IS THE WAY PAKISTAN WOULD PAY FOR THE AIRCRAFT, U.S. OFFICIALS SAID.

3. UPI (DANILOFF FROM LAHORE) -- "SECRETARY... CONFERRED TODAY WITH PRIME MINISTER ZULFIKAR ALI BUTTO ON A CONTROVERSIAL PAKISTANI PLAN TO BUY A FRENCH NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT AND WARNED THAT NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION 'COULD HAVE DISASTROUS CONSEQUENCES FOR THE FUTURE OF MANKIND.'

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KISSINGER HAD BROUGHT TO THE TALKS A WARNING THAT UNDER NEW U.S. LEGISLATION PAKISTAN COULD LOSE ALL U.S. MILITARY AND ECONOMIC AID IF IT BUYS SUCH A PLANT -- WHICH COULD BE USED TO DIVERT EXTRACTED PLUTONIUM INTO ILLICIT NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

KISSINGER SAID THAT NO CONCLUSIONS WERE REACHED ON THE ISSUE DURING HIS DISCUSSIONS BUT WOULD BE CONTINUED WITH BOTH SIDES TO AVOID ANY CONFRONTATION.

HE REFERRED TO THE CONDITIONS JUST AGREED TO BY IRAN OF EITHER PLACING ANY REPROCESSING CENTER UNDER STRICT INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS OR SHIPPING SPENT NUCFUEL ABROAD FOR REPROCESSING.

KISSINGER ANNOUNCED THAT THE UNITED STATES WOULD PROVIDE 200,000 TONS OF WHEAT UNDER PUBLIC LAW 480 TO ASSIST PAKISTAN'S RECOVERY FROM FLOOD DAMAGE.

4. TV -- NO RESPONSE TO TRIP EXCEPT FOLLOWING BRIEF CBS ITEM BY CRONKITE:

'SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER ENDED A 2-DAY VISIT TO PAKISTAN PROMISING 200,000 TONS OF U.S. WHEAT FOR FLOOD RELIEF. ANY ADDITIONAL U.S. ECONOMIC AND MILITARY AID, THOUGH, IS SAID TO HINGE ON PAKISTAN'S MODIFYING PLANS TO BUY A FRENCH NUCLEAR FUEL-MAKING FACILITY RAISING CONCERN OVER THE POTENTIAL SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.'

5. LATE WIRE ITEMS

REUTER (NO BYLINE FROM DEAUVILLE) - "SECRETARY...ARRIVED HERE TONIGHT FOR A ONE-DAY PRIVATE VISIT AT THE ESTATE OF BRITISH BANKER LOEL GUINNESS.

...KISSINGER, WHO ARRIVED FROM PAKISTAN WITH A REFUELING STOP IN TEHERAN, PLANNED TO SPEND TWO NIGHTS AT HARAS DE PEINCOURT, THE HOME OF MR. GUINNESS OUTSIDE THIS FRENCH COASTAL RESORT.

ON THE PLANE, DR. KISSINGER SAID HE HAD ABSOLUTELY NO UNCLASSIFIED

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INTENTION OF CONDUCTING ANY OFFICIAL BUSINESS WHILE IN FRANCE AND SAID THE VISIT WAS A PURELY PRIVATE ONE TO MR. GUINNESS, WHOM HE DESCRIBED AS AN OLD FRIEND.

DR. KISSINGER IS SCHEDULED TO LEAVE WEDNESDAY MORNING FOR THE HAGUE EN ROUTE HOME."

UPI (DANILOFF FROM DEAUVILLE) -- " SECRETARY.... FLEW TO THIS RESORT MONDAY FOR A TWO-DAY REST BUT A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL SAID KISSINGER WOULD INTERRUPT HIS VISIT TO CLARIFY U.S. OPPOSITION TO THE FRENCH SALE OF A NUCLEAR FUEL REPROCESSING PLANT TO PAKISTAN.

KISSINGER ARRIVED IN DEAUVILLE FROM PAKISTAN AND WAS GREETED BY FRENCH CHARGES THAT HE ATTEMPTED, AS ONE NEWS-PAPER PUT IT, TO 'BLACKMAIL' PAKISTAN AGAINST BUYING THE NUCLEAR PLANT BY THREATENING TO CUT OF U.S. AID.

ACCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE, NANCY, AND SON, DAVID, THE SECRETARY HAD INTENDED TO SPEND TWO DAYS RELAXING AT THE 350-ACRE ESTATE OF BRITISH BANKER LOEL GUINNESS BEFORE FLYING TO THE NETHERLANDS WEDNESDAY FOR TALKS WITH DUTCH FOREIGN MINISTER MAX VAN DER STOEL.

A SENIOR U.S. OFFICIAL SAID LATE MONDAY, HOWEVER, KISSINGER WOULD CONTACT FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER JEAN SAUVAGNARGUES TUESDAY TO CLARIFY HIS STATEMENTS IN LAHORE, PAKISTAN

THAT FRANCE HAD NOT ATTACHED SUFFICIENTLY STRINGENT
SAFEGUARDS TO ITS SALE OF A PLUTONIUM REPROCESSING PLANT."
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